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CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**

DATE: 10/26/2020
DOCKET #:

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Alonzo "Lonnie" Shupe
Office: Council Member(s) / City of Denham Springs
Parish:
Election Date: 11/4/2014
Level of Office: Any

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: 10-G
Original Due Date: 11/26/2014
Date Filed: 12/18/2014
Activity Receipts: \$-0
Expenditures: \$ 379.91
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$-0

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$880
Days Late: 22
Late Fee Order Received: Scan Return
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date:
Waiver Request Received:
Additional Information Requested:

- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: Having never attempted to be elected to any position on any level, he was unfamiliar with the forms and the process, and was unclear on what forms applied. He received no contributions in any amount from anyone. He believed this made the finance disclosure form unnecessary. Once it was brought to his attention he filed the report V promptly. Another factor that he believes has merit is he has no recollection of ever being contacted that there was a \$40.00 late fee, and in addition, fees would be assessed over time. Had he known there was a \$40.00 fee, he would have paid it then. This was quite a surprise, to hear nothing about this for nearly six years, only to find Out he is being fined such a large sum of money.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:
Other Outstanding Reports: No
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No
Reassessed Late Fees: No
Disclosure Statements:
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No

Sept 21, 2020

Attention: Louisiana Board of Ethics

From: Alonzo Shupe

317 Oak Street

Denham Springs, LA 70726

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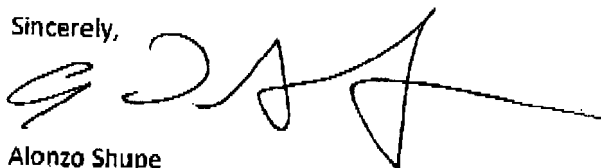
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September 2, 2020

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RE: Late fee assessment for the November 4, 2014 Election
10-G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 22 days late

Dear Alonzo "Lonnie" Shupe:

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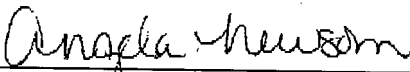
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ORDER signed on the 2nd day of September 2020 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



Angela Newsom, Director
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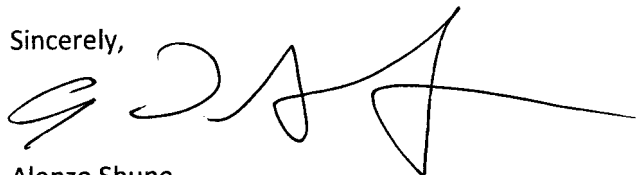
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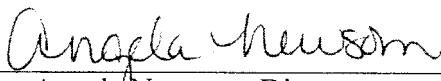
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